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THE

CENTRAL BOOKSELLERS' ASSOCIATION.

REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1875.

SPECIAL REPORT.

THE regular meeting of the Central Booksellers' Association, as provided for by the Constitution, was held on Tuesday, February 9th, at 11 A.M., at Parlor G, St. Nicholas Hotel. The day was one of the coldest of the winter, and none of the Boston trade, and but a few of that of Philadelphia, were present; indeed, many of the home members were also brow-beaten by the weather, and did not venture so far away from the "trade centre." Between twenty and thirty representatives of leading houses were present, including some who were not members of the Association, under the general invitation issued by the Secretary. Mr. A. C. Barnes, the President, is absent for some weeks on a Southern tour; and in the absence of Mr. A. C. Armstrong, the resident Vice-President, the Secretary, Mr. P. M. Hale, called the meeting to order, and, on motion, Mr. Peter Carter was placed in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes, the first business in order was the report of the Committee to procure signatures to the 20 per cent rule. This was read by Mr. Randolph, its chairman, and, with appended documents and list of signers, follows:

REPORT.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Central Booksellers' Association, held on the 10th day of November last, to solicit signatures to the following resolution :

"The Central Booksellers' Association adopts twenty (20) per cent as the maximum discount to be given to libraries, schools, teachers, professional men generally, and other large buyers outside the trade, with the exception of supplies of school-books for first introduction; specimen copies of school-books for examination; school-books for school-boards, and State normal schools created by law, and authorized to purchase supplies from public funds; school-books for schools other than Sunday-schools supported by religious and benevolent societies, and purchasing their own supplies of school-books; and to such merchants as deal in books and school supplies.

"The undersigned publishers and booksellers hereby accept the above by-law of the Central Booksellers' Association, to take effect on the 20th of November next, and agree that the terms herein named shall be the rate of discount thereafter allowed on all sales at our establishment."

Beg leave respectfully to report :

That the paper was duly presented to every leading house in this city, and the signature of each obtained, excepting only that of the American News Company. This was not withheld from any want of sympathy or indisposition to co-operate with the movement, but for the simple reason that the necessary official action could not be taken at that time. The application was not renewed, for the reasons hereinafter stated.

Your committee made arrangements, at the November meeting, for a public meeting to be held in Boston. On the 21st of that month, they met a large gathering of the New-England trade, and, after a full discussion of the whole subject, obtained the signatures of many of those present at the meeting. A committee was then appointed to solicit the signatures of all others; and within forty-eight hours after, every leading house in Boston had signed the paper, as prepared and presented by your committee.

Greatly encouraged, they may say elated, by their success in New-York and Boston, your committee arranged for a public meeting at Philadelphia, to be held on the 3d of December. That meeting was well attended, but your committee learned that a misapprehension prevailed as to the precise meaning of the resolution of the Central Association; and by a resolution of the meeting, in order that there might not be any possible misunderstanding, it was amended to read as follows:

The Central Booksellers' Association adopts twenty (20) per cent as the maximum discount to be given to libraries, schools, teachers, professional men generally, and other large buyers outside the trade, with the exception of supplies of school-books for first introduction; specimen copies of school-books for examination; school-books for school-boards and State normal schools created by law and authorized to purchase supplies from public funds; school-books for schools, other than Sunday-schools, supported by religious and benevolent societies, and purchasing their own supplies of school-books; and to such merchants as deal in books and school supplies.

The undersigned publishers and booksellers hereby accept the above by-law of the Central Booksellers' Association, to take effect on the 1st of January next, and agree that the terms herein named shall be the rates of discount thereafter allowed on all sales at our establishment. [Note: This agreement, as signed by those following, is understood to restrict discounts to the classes named, all other retail buyers to be charged catalogue retail prices.]

This was signed by a number of those present, and the meeting appointed a committee to solicit the signatures of the other houses in the trade. These were all obtained, with the exception of that of Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co.

As your committee were fully impressed with the importance of a united movement, the members resident in New-York on the 13th of January addressed a letter to Messrs. Lippincott & Co., in the hope that, on further reflection, the house might have been led to reconsider its decision. The correspondence is hereto annexed, and will show that that hope was not realized.

Your committee from the beginning acted upon the assumption that while the 20th of November was named as the day on which the resolution was to go into operation, it was inoperative until their paper had been submitted to and signed by all the principal houses of the three cities. They intended, in all cases, to have this understood, and regret that in some

instances they unintentionally failed to do so, and that this failure of theirs led to a misapprehension on the part of some of the signers. For the failure they can only plead the fact that they themselves were fully persuaded that a general movement along the whole line was indispensable to success. New-York could not carry out the reform alone. Neither could Philadelphia or Boston. Your committee therefore sought to unite the trade of the three cities; and the names of all the signers, here transmitted, will show how near they came to a complete success. They came within one of it!

Your committee desire to state that in the prosecution of this work they found much to encourage them. Their reception by the trade generally was cordial, in some instances enthusiastic. Your committee had abundant evidence that the reform movement commands the hearty approval of the trade at large; that its consummation is indispensable to the interests alike of the publisher, the jobber, and the dealer. They now know that what has already been done has encouraged some of the timid and strengthened some of the weak. During the last Christmas season the trade of New-York city suffered less from underselling than in any similar season for many years past.

Had your committee been completely successful at Philadelphia, it was their intention to have notified the trade that the resolution would go into effect on the 1st of January, 1875. This time was agreed upon, owing to the delay in holding the meeting at Philadelphia, and in procuring signatures there. As the movement was not successful, the proposed action was not taken; and now nothing remains for them to do but to submit this report and ask to be discharged.

They cannot but express the hope, however, that the present is only a temporary delay. Their conviction is that this reform must and will succeed. It is based on a sound principle. It demands only what is right and just. For two years there has been a progressive movement. The past six months have shown a wonderful acceleration, and the hand can not now be set back on the dial. So the final result is only a question of time, and for this let all patiently work and wait, "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

A. D. F. RANDOLPH,
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F. H. DODD,
WILLIAM LEE, Boston.
E. CLAXTON, Philadelphia.
J. M. CUSHING, Jr., Baltimore.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW-YORK, January 13th, 1875.

MESSRS. J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

GENTLEMEN: We have been informed by the committee appointed at the meeting of the book trade held in your city on the second of December last, to solicit signatures to the resolution of the Central Booksellers Association, concerning discounts, etc., that this paper, or agreement, has been signed by all the leading houses in the trade—but on condition that they were not bound by the act unless the paper or agreement had your indorsement and signature.

We are informed that you have declined to enter into the agreement and to sign the paper.

You will permit us to express our regret at your decision; but it is in the hope that this decision is not final that we now address you.

You will permit us to repeat what we have already said: that this reform movement has everywhere else been received with the highest favor, and that the paper presented to you bears the signatures of every other leading publishing and bookselling house in the cities of New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia. The trade throughout the country is in hearty sympathy with the whole movement, and is wisely determined that, sooner or later, it shall succeed.

As a committee, we are soon to make our report to the Central Association. It must contain a full statement of our efforts, and their results; and as this report will go to the trade throughout the country, we earnestly desire that it shall announce the complete success of our efforts. On the other hand, we should greatly regret being compelled to state that yours is the only house that has placed itself in practical opposition to this needed reform.

Awaiting your reply, which we sincerely hope will bring us your signature, we are,

Very truly, yours,
(Signed) A. D. F. RANDOLPH,
FRANK H. DODD,
WALTER S. APPLETON.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18th, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.

In reply we would say that we have already expressed our views respecting the subject of your communication so fully that it seems useless to reiterate them.

In the general management of our business it has been our aim to do for our customers fully as well as—and when possible better than—they could do elsewhere, and we are not willing to forego our ability to do this in order to try an experiment in which we have no confidence whatever.

Our Mr. Lippincott, Sr., did not see proper to take any action in this matter when he was here, and during his absence abroad we are not willing to act contrary to our own convictions.

Our views, as expressed in the inclosed circular, were that the return to full retail prices should be made gradually, and in such a movement we would cheerfully concur.

Yours very truly,
J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO.
Messrs. A. D. F. Randolph, F. H. Dodd, and
W. S. Appleton, Committee.

The circular referred to is as follows:

715 and 717 MARKET STREET,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7th, 1874.

DEAR SIR: Believing that the present custom of retailing below the published retail price is injurious to the book-business, yet feeling assured that suddenly to change from the present adopted rate to the full retail prices would be to the disadvantage of the book trade of this city, we would suggest, as a preliminary step to the resumption of full retail prices, that after the first of January next the maximum discount to all local buyers not in the trade be fixed at ten per cent—to apply only, for the present, to new books issued after that date.

By gradual steps in this manner, we believe that ultimately the end so earnestly desired by all the trade will be accomplished; but we think an immediate radical change would affect the public in a manner adverse to the interests of the local business.

We would be glad to have your views of our suggestion.
Yours respectfully,
J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO.

After the reading of the report and the display of the original signature list, which reached from a man's height down to the floor and made a most imposing appearance, a motion to print the report, with accompanying documents, in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, was offered, pending which the misunderstanding between the American Tract Society and the committee was brought up by Mr. Simmons, business manager of the former. Mr. Simmons, who "talks business" clearly and vigorously, is a strong believer in the reform and in its present possibility, notwithstanding the difficulties in the way, and he criticised severely the assumption in the report of power to fix a date for the operation of the rule, which, he said, was virtually an interference with the by-laws on the part of the committee. The rule had been put in operation by the Tract Society, and they had kept to it successfully until he had learned from members of the committee that, in their view, it was not in force to prevent them selling to Sunday-schools on the old basis of 25 per cent. He understood that the paper was binding when signed generally, and he meant to stick by what he signed, and did so until this misunderstanding caused his withdrawal. In Boston, four years ago, he had been a party to an agreement of the sort among Sunday-school men there, which had been held to to this day, and proved the possibility of the reform.

Mr. Randolph explained his position, and admitted that the committee had made a mistake in not having the progress of the matter more clearly understood, by direct notification, but he showed also the peculiar difficulties under which a committee, with such a task, necessarily labored. Mr. Simmons disclaimed any imputation on his part of ill motives, and this misunderstanding was happily cleared up. It was suggested, as the clue to the difficulty, that Mr. Simmons's position was evidently well taken, from the rigid business and parliamentary point of view, but that the committee, with the unexpected delays, had found themselves in a peculiarly difficult position, which caused them to exercise a large discretionary power, that certainly had elements of danger in it. In other words, the conclusion seemed to be that the committee had acted beyond the authorization of letter, though in the best spirit, and that it would be wiser and safer hereafter to have everything plainly expressed in the documents themselves.

In the midst of this discussion it was found that the report had not yet been "accepted," and was not before the house. A motion to that effect replaced the previous one, and was carried.

It was followed by a motion to strike out the obnoxious paragraph of the report, stating the intention of the committee; but after the explanations that had been made, the report was adopted, and with the correspondence was ordered to be printed in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY.

It being the regular meeting for the election of officers, Messrs. Miller, W. S. Appleton, and Baker were appointed a Nominating Committee, and after their presentation had been modified by declinations and additions, the Secretary was authorized by vote to cast one ballot for the meeting, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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A. J. Holman,	A. D. F. Randolph,
	Isaac E. Sheldon.

After the election of officers, the question of what action to take in view of the committee's report, came before the house in a motion, as follows: "*Resolved*, That the members of the Central Booksellers' Association pledge themselves to abide by the 20 per cent rule until the date of the next meeting of the American Book Trade Association, with the temporary exceptions of 25 per cent discount on Sunday-school books, and in cases of direct competition with those declining to abide by this rule." This was afterwards amended to include those not members of the Association, as far as possible, by the addition of the words, "and that all signers of the document be requested to abide by this action." A discussion followed, in which this resolution was dropped for the time, and other motions were put, but this was again brought before the house just prior to adjournment, and, as amended, goes before the adjourned meeting as the basis of discussion.

The discussion brought out a vigorous feeling in favor of pushing on with the reform, and one gentleman opposed the resolution strongly, because he was in favor of holding to the rule without exceptions. Another speaker first suggested that, under the unfortunate opposition of the Philadelphia house, the only thing to do at present was to let the movement drift, and leave the responsibility of the temporary failure of the reform where it belonged; but he afterwards joined with others who believed in a more general consultation of the trade for putting the 20 per cent rule in action as far as possible. Another said there was a skeleton in every house, and now the book trade had its skeleton. Several announced their continued intention to stand by retail prices. A humorous suggestion was made that the Philadelphia circular sought reform after the method of the gentleman who cut off his dog's tail in little pieces, so as not to hurt him so much. Several others also spoke, and the discussion took the shape of an offhand, outspoken talk, not within the province of a report, in which opinions were vigorously expressed. A motion to appoint a committee to wait on and consult with the Board of Trade was adopted, but it was afterwards thought unwise at this juncture, and the proposition was defeated by the declination of members appointed to act. Finally it was voted to adjourn for three weeks (Tuesday, March 2d), and at that meeting the whole trade of the Eastern and Central States are invited and urged to be present.

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NOTES IN SEASON.

PREACHING seems profitable to publishers as well as to the clergy nowadays. Dodd & Mead expect to have Dr. John Hall's "Yale Lectures on Preaching" ready next month, and with it a little volume on extemporaneous preaching, by Dr. R. S. Storrs, based on three lectures delivered before the Union Theological Seminary.

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MESSRS. J. B. FORD & Co. propose to start off Mrs. Stowe's new story, "We and our Neighbors," shortly, with a first edition of 20,000 copies. They also announce that, on its completion in the *Christian Union*, probably about the first of April, they will commence in that paper the publication of a new novel by George Macdonald, from whom they have purchased the exclusive right of publishing this work in

the United States. The title of the story is not yet announced, but it is a story of the English civil wars, and the chief scene is inside the castle which stood out the longest of all on the king's side, and where, at that very time, the rude, embryonic steam-engine was at work, invented by the son of the owner of the castle. We are requested to add that the Messrs. Ford's representative will call on the leading jobbers, to take special orders for Mrs. Stowe's novel, before the book is issued.

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THE first week of March will see an avalanche of new books. Many of the publishers are holding back for that time.

"POINT Lace and Diamonds" (Patterson) will be the title of the forthcoming volume of society poems, by Geo. A. Baker, Jr. It will be ready in March, or shortly after, and will be a very taking volume.

THE work on "Monumental Christianity," announced by J. W. Bouton, will be handsomely printed, uniform in style with Lubke's and Mr. Jameson's art works, and will be ready about April 1st. It is the result of eighteen years' labor.

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The Present Stage.

THE Central Association wisely devoted its meeting of this week, except the few minutes spent in the unanimous election of officers, entirely to the consideration of the 20 per cent rule, which is in the present stage the vital element in the reform. The committee reported that "they came within one" of practically unanimous adoption of this rule throughout the Eastern and Central trade, and laid before the Association the official correspondence with the Messrs. Lippincott. We are quite sure we voice the unanimous sentiment of the trade in expressing the deepest regret that this great house has chosen this course, and thus set itself to block a reform so vital to the success of those on whose well-being the prosperity even of the leaders of the trade must chiefly depend. The positions of their letter are fallacious in this: The bookseller, or any merchant, has no interest in buying where he can buy "cheapest" so long as his own customers can buy cheaper or as cheaply. Under this system, which all but this house are endeavoring to reform, the dealer can not buy "cheaply" if he buys at half cost. He can not live on a *minus* profit. And the plan put forward in opposition to that on which the trade is united would be simply a surrender to the old evils on the eve of their conquest. As one speaker at the meeting echoed the general sentiment, it is the old story of cutting off the dog's tail piece by piece so as not to hurt it. At this stage, when a remedy has been adopted by every one else in the trade as the right one, and has been tried and found to be "working well" by the Publishers' Board of Trade, any other proposition is not a step toward reform, but a blow against it. That should be clearly understood.

Here is the present state of the case: Booksellers can not make a living profit on the margin or no margin left them. They are being driven into other branches of trade. This is bad for them, because they prefer to be booksellers. It is bad for the public, because a bookstore is a useful public institution, like the library and the school-house. It is bad for the publishers, because they are losing their distributing system. They have to decide whether they will keep up the bookstores, or

rely chiefly on the post-office for their sales. And books can not be sold by mail as they can over the counter. They are not, in this sense, necessaries of life, with a fixed sale. The present is the turning-point between returning to a right system or fostering a wrong one beyond hope of future reform. Once the bookseller goes, he can not be brought back again at will.

Now an easy remedy to set things right has been adopted generally through the trade. It has been received with enthusiasm East, West, North, and South. Jobbers and retailers all through the country declare that it is vitally necessary to the very existence of their business, and, for the present, they are all satisfied with it. The only class opposed to it are the professional undersellers, who avowedly thrive by warfare against the trade. There is but one house in the regular trade that has placed itself on this platform of opposition, a house which every one in the trade is sorry to see so identifying itself, because it is perhaps the largest distributing house in the country—we speak not of its own books, but of the publications of the trade in general—and the interests of every publisher who sells to, and every retailer who buys from, the house demand the success of the reform which it unfortunately opposes.

Nevertheless the trade believes the reform is bound to succeed. It is wise, right, and necessary. The failure to obtain absolutely unanimous agreement complicates the situation and provokes delay, but it is simply another obstacle to be overcome. So many expected obstacles have vanished of themselves that this new one scarcely restores the balance. The reform has acquired such an impetus that it sweeps on notwithstanding. Unless the trade belie its whole record of the past two years, this is sure, and we do not believe the trade so weak of spirit and faith.

The two questions now before it are, How best to put the 20 per cent rule (which re-establishes retail prices for buyers in general, and permits this margin only to specified professional classes) into practical operation among the houses who have given in their adherence, and how to treat the undersellers who are warring against the trade? The pecuniary and moral success of the rule, as par-

tially put in operation in New-York during the holiday season, proves conclusively that it is altogether to the advantage of the agreeing houses to keep it in operation among themselves. Their losses will be small in comparison with their evident profit. The sentiment of the last convention as to the second point was quite unanimously that buying houses could not afford to purchase of the undersellers, and that selling houses would be obliged, in self-defense, to shorten discounts to any extent necessary to prevent infringement on retail prices. No man has a right to interfere with another's ways of doing business; but it is his right and duty to protect himself and those associated with him in business relations, and to decline to furnish ammunition to be used against himself. We give this as the opinion of the trade at that time, over an issue then foreseen, and this opinion seems to have strengthened since.

These questions must receive their final solution at the great convention in the summer, but they come first, for present action, before the adjourned meeting of the Central Booksellers' Association, March 2d. The following resolution, to meet the first point, by uniting all the trade who have signed the rule, and allowing those who feel it necessary to make concessions in direct competition for library orders and the like, is before it as a basis of discussion:

Resolved, That the members of the Central Booksellers' Association pledge themselves to abide by the 20 per cent rule until the date of the next meeting of the A. B. T. A., with temporary exceptions of 25 per cent on Sunday-school books and in cases of direct competition with those who decline to abide by the rule; and that the signers of the document be requested to abide by this action.

At this meeting, all the trade is invited and urged to be present. It is most desirable that this invitation should be accepted, and that Boston, Philadelphia, and other cities should be represented by all who can possibly come. A full discussion on these important points is needed, and we invite booksellers all through the country to write us their views, or send them to the Central Association at once. This meeting should rank with the last and the next convention as one of the three great events in the progress of the reform.

THE term "Nassau street," which we used in a recent editorial, and which seems to have been misunderstood, is a phrase which we think came from trade-sale "chaff," and which we supposed was generally understood to classify the erring brethren who glory in the shame of underselling, and who centre in that neighborhood. It does not in any way refer to the

religious publication societies, or the American News Company, who are sound to the core, or our old friends of the venerable antiquarian brotherhood, who happen to be located in that street, or indeed any others than those specially spoken of above.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade can not be better served, than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

Underselling at Dollar Stores

NORWICH, N. Y., Feb., 1875.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

We have been deeply interested in the articles on the great evil of "underselling," as they have appeared in the WEEKLY, and desire to tender you our heartfelt thanks for the great good already accomplished.

But there is one point we do not recollect having seen mentioned, which is, if possible, even worse than "underselling by booksellers" viz.: furnishing the "dollar stores" and "ninety-nine cent stores" at a discount which enables them to sell ten, twelve, and fourteen shilling books at one dollar or ninety-nine cents, as the case may be, which they are doing all over the country.

Inclosed is a part of one of their circulars giving a list of books at ninety-nine cents.

Is there not some way of cutting off the supply, or of reducing the discount to twenty per cent, so that they will be compelled to sell at something near retail prices? We hope the subject may receive the careful attention of the A. B. T. Association, and that such combined action will be taken by publishers and jobbers as will remove or, at least, in some measure abate the evil.

Wishing you abundant success in your efforts at reform,

Yours,

JUSTICE.

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In stationery the trade, during January, has been moderate, but all the orders have been very small. The trade, however, is satisfied, for the business done has been mostly upon a cash basis. It is impossible to designate the goods now most in demand, as articles sell about equally. Fancy writing-papers may be said to lead the market, but the goods sold are in general of the most miscellaneous character. The most noticeable fact in the trade is the decline in the amount of importations. This lack of foreign goods has been ascribed by many to dull trade and a consequent falling off in the demand; but as the stationers concede that the business of the past year turned out a good average, some other cause must be looked for. The only real cause is the fact that the American manufacturers have now reached such a degree of perfection that their goods are slowly but surely taking the place of foreign productions. This has been the case for several years past, but it is only now that the effect is noticeable. Formerly a great quantity of folio post papers were imported from France for printing circulars, but now this class of goods is made almost entirely in this country. Fancy writing-papers were also at one time almost entirely of foreign make, but now it is conceded that the domestic productions are not only equal but cheaper than the foreign makes. The tariff upon imported goods is now so high that it almost amounts to prohibition, and this is another fact that has operated to check the importation of foreign goods. American manufacturers may, therefore, congratulate themselves upon the increasing demand for their goods, and if the market can, in the near future, be controlled by them entirely, it will be a great gain to the trade.

In writing-papers there are no particularly new styles; tinted papers are yet in vogue, and the most fashionable style is that known as "legal fold." There is an indication that the "bank-note" papers, which were at once so stylish and elegant, will again become popular; already many samples have been received from London, and the American mills are now experimenting upon an imitation. This new style will probably be issued for the spring trade, and if it should take the place of the present absurdities it would be hailed with joy by all possessors of good taste.

Outside of the regular stationery articles the most salable goods for the past few weeks have been valentines. These articles have been manufactured this season in the same or even greater quantities than usual, and such were the anticipations formed of their sales, that the various jobbers and retail dealers laid in large stocks. The manufacturers in this way got rid of the bulk of their goods, but the jobbers and retailers were not so fortunate. The demand for this peculiar class of goods would seem to have declined, for outside of the manufacturers there is a general complaint of no sales. The results in the Post-office are very apparent, for where formerly Valentine-day increased the mails, there was this year scarcely a perceptible effect. It is calculated that only about 40,000 valentines have passed through the mails, where in former years the estimated number was from 80,000 to 100,000. This amount does not, of course, include the packages sent by the manufacturers in this city to the dealers in all parts of the United States. Such packages

were numerous, but from the absence of the individual valentines in the mails it may be taken that the contents of the packages still remain with those who ordered them. The advent of this holiday, however, was beneficial for the general trade, for it encouraged a demand for fancy embossed and laced papers, and enabled many dealers and importers to dispose of old stocks.

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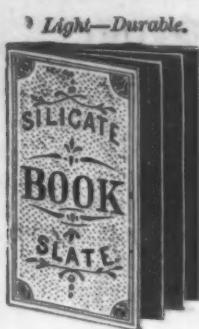
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